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SHOULD PAY THE MONEY.

The attorney general delivered an opinion to State Controller Eggers today in which he holds that the payment of the warrant to Mrs. John Sparks for something like \$10,000, appropriated for her relief by the last legislature, is within the constitutional rights of the office.

When the bill was under discussion in the legislature the attorney general was of the opinion that the payment of the warrant would not be legal and he gave the state controller such an opinion unsolicited.

No application has been made at the office of the state controller for the warrants so that the question has not yet come up to the controller, who asked for the opinion in advance in order to know, if possible where he was at in the matter.

He stated this afternoon that he had not decided yet what to do in the matter even with the opinion of the attorney general in his desk, and it is not yet a foregone conclusion that he will issue the warrant.—Carson Appeal.

The Bonanza believes it would be a lasting disgrace to the state of Nevada if the warrants for the salary of the late beloved Governor Sparks were vetoed by State Controller Eggers. The bill allowing the salary to the widow was passed by the legislature and is a law upon the statute books of the state. Mr. Eggers should remember that the late Governor Spark's Republican friends are numbered by the thousands in this state and his refusing to issue the warrant would cause severe censure from citizens all over the state.

THIS YEAR WILL WITNESS HEAVY FIRE LOSSES.

Death and destruction by fire in 1909 will eclipse all previous records with the exception of the years in which the Baltimore and San Francisco fires occurred, according to the statement Tuesday of federal experts who are studying building materials. The statement is backed up by the records of fire losses which are carefully kept by these experts.

One period to which they point is the sixteen days in April when five fires in different parts of the country resulted in a loss of six million dollars, the death of twenty persons, the injury of a large number and the rendering homeless of 3000.

"The people of the United States have not yet learned the lesson of the Baltimore and San Francisco fires," said Richard L. Humphrey, engineer in charge of the structural material laboratories of the United States survey. "Fort Worth's recent experience, when more than 300 homes were devoured by the flames, is but a repetition of what has happened in the past and what will occur in the future until American municipalities awake to the situation and enact legislation which will absolutely prevent the further construction of buildings that are not fire proof."

ROBBED, MURDERED AND ABANDONED

On Saturday last an Austrian walking from Blair to Goldfield found the body of a well dressed man lying face down near the edge of the salt marsh. His pockets had been turned inside out, showing robbery had been committed and then the man murdered. Deputy Sheriff M. J. Cahalan of Goldfield, who visited the gruesome find, says:

"Upon investigation I discovered that every pocket in his vest, coat and trousers had been turned inside out, and that there was not a single line of any kind of writing which would give us any inkling as to his identity, and the only thing aside from the gauntlets was a tooth brush, which we found alongside the body. He was lying face down and the salt had accumulated about his head to such an extent as to render anything like recognition out of the question. Over his vest he wore a heavy blue sweater, which had been ripped from the belt to the collar button, and the fact that the back of his head was completely divested of hair, makes it appear certain that the man has been dead several months—two or three at least.

"The spot where the body was found is an out-of-the-way place, and the fact that the body bore no outward signs of a death wound indicates that he was perhaps decoyed to the spot and there murdered. The conditions of the pockets would indicate that the motive was robbery, and that the man was not an ordinary hobo is proven by the neat black tie which we found in place about his neck, and the new boots, together with the neat underwear, to say nothing of the new suit of clothes. The one thing missing is the man's hat, which may be accounted for by the high winds which generally prevail through Paymaster canyon and across the big marsh. But the condition of the man's pockets, and the absence of any trace of anything which would lead to identify, makes

it appear that it is a case of murder, with robbery as the motive."

Mr. Cahalan states that the man was about five feet ten inches in height, smooth shaven, with a most perfect set of teeth.

After a look at the body, Mr. Cahalan went to Blair, where he notified Justice Jones, who will take the body in charge at an early hour this morning. At this time, under the instructions of the sheriff, the body will be thoroughly examined to discover whether or not it bears any signs of rough treatment, when a full report will be made to the sheriff's office.

SECURE VALUABLE NATIONAL LEASES

Judge H. T. Creswell, C. L. Tobin and Mrs. Mead returned from National yesterday, whither they went the day before, accompanying S. W. Gundaker in an automobile.

All three gentlemen secured valuable leases from Messrs. Gundaker and Stahl on the extension of the ledge from which the rich high grade has been taken.

Judge Creswell is well known to the citizens of Nevada, and was district attorney of Nye county in 1874 and Lander county in 1882, having come to the state in 1872 and practiced law here. Some years ago he moved to San Francisco, where he was elected to the office of district attorney.

In speaking of his visit to the camp to a representative of the Silver State News, Judge Creswell said:

"To a man who has lived in a mining country, there is an irresistible fascination about a mining camp. Having heard of the great strike at National, I felt bound to visit the camp, and was certainly not disappointed in what I saw. A great, strong ledge, with perfect walls, filled with rich ore. It was a sight that could not fail to enthrall the most pessimistic mining man on earth."—Winchester Silver State News

DISCOVERER OF COMSTOCK WRITES

"MANNY" PENROD, OF THE ORIGINAL FOUR, HEARS OF CELEBRATION.

VIRGINIA CITY, May 24.—The only living member of the party that discovered the Comstock lode, "Manny" Penrod, has written from Gold Creek, Elko county, that he will be in attendance at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the finding of the famous lode. His letter follows:

Gold Creek, Elko county, Nevada.—Editor Enterprise—Dear Sir: As I am almost out of civilization and don't often see a paper, being twelve miles from the nearest post-office, I have heard from some source that there will be a celebration of the discovery and workings of Virginia City, and as I was one of the four who first found the lode and named it the Comstock, if it is possible, I will be there, as I am, I believe, the only one living of the four discoverers. The four were Peter O'Relley, Patrick McLaughlin, H. T. P. Comstock and myself, commonly known as "Manny" Penrod. I am now past 82 years of age, but the discovery of that famous lode is as vivid as if it was only yesterday.

E. Penrose.

The executive committee will send the old gentleman an invitation and if he comes will be given a prominent place in the parade.

Mr. Penrod arrived in Nevada from Illinois in 1852 and while enroute to California stopped and mined for a month in Gold canyon. He again tried his luck in 1853 and remained until June, 1854, when he returned to Nevada in 1856 with his family and has since resided in this state, following in summer the occupation of farming and that of mining in winter.

Mr. Penrod was in Gold Hill when Riley and McLaughlin found a good prospect of gold at what is now the Ophir mine. Owing to prospective trouble over the discovery Riley and McLaughlin induced Penrod to buy out the other claimants as he and Comstock owned nine shares of the ten that furnished water for working the mine. About June 12, 1859, the pay streak turned down into a lead about four feet wide and the ground was soon after located as a quartz lead.

JEFFERSON MILL WILL START SOON

Large bunches of men have been coming down from Jefferson where they have been employed in the construction of the big mill, which is about completed. All the surface work around the mill is finished up, which is the cause of so many men being laid off who were employed in the construction. As soon as some changes can be made in the mine arrangements, ore will be started into the big mill and the returns from the same will soon be on the backward trail, which will probably be very gratifying news to those promoters who have been so diligently working on this huge project for so long. Aside from a little touching up here and there in the mill, there seems to be very little left to start it up. Thomas Archer, who has been on the job as millwright left Thursday, having completed his part of the big job. With the opening and starting of the mill large numbers of men will be put to work in the mines.—Round Mountain Nuggett.

CUT IN PRICES.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Miners drug store appearing in this issue. This firm has decided to sell all patent medicines at the regular prices, which necessitates a cut in some instances of 25 per cent. There will be no necessity now of sending away for these goods.

SHOT THE WRONG "SHORTY."

The "Shorty" Harris that was supposed to have been shot and wounded by a Mexican at McDermott has turned up in Goldfield. The story of the shooting was published in several of the southern Nevada papers, but was denied in the Bonanza as this paper secured the information that Harris was in Rhyolite three days before the alleged shooting affray.

THE TINSMITH.

George W. Pettygrove, one of the pioneer tinsmiths of Tonopah, has taken over the tinshop of the Nye County Mercantile company, and is now prepared to handle all orders that may be placed with him. He guarantees his work to stand the test, no matter how difficult the order.

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SERIOUSLY ILL.

Word was received in Tonopah yesterday that Mrs. Neva Duffin is quite ill in Burke's sanitarium near Santa Rosa, California. Mrs. Duffin's daughter, her mother, Mrs. E. A. Pomeroy and a brother, Ben Marty, leave on this morning's train for her bedside. The lady has been an invalid for several years.

EAGLES CONTRIBUTE HANDSOMELY

Tonopah Aerie 271, Fraternal Order of Eagles, at their meeting last Friday night, donated the sum of \$25 for the purpose of repairing the local cemetery. This amount was turned over to the committee having charge of the work, who desire to express their thanks for the contribution.

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NOTICE OF BUSINESS CHANGE.

Wm. Kellogg and H. J. Hall, conducting the Tonopah Soda Water Bottling Works, have this day disposed of their business to A. A. Frevert, who will conduct the same. All bills owing the late firm are payable to A. A. Frevert. There are no accounts owed by the firm.

WM. KELLOGG, H. J. HALL.

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